

REMARKS

The allowance of Claims 1, 2, and 4-22 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being vague for stating that an external surface of the body should be coated with adhesive. The Examiner suggested replacing "external surface" with "patient side." Claim 3 has been amended as the Examiner has suggested. It is respectfully submitted that Claim 3 is now allowable.

The abstract was objected to as not commencing on a separate sheet. However, this application is the US national stage filing of an international application, and international applications which satisfy the requirements of Subpart C of 37 CFR are accepted as in proper form for US national stage requirements. In this case, the application started as provisional application 60/458,796, in which the abstract was on a separate page, the last page, as per standard US practice. The PCT application as filed also had the abstract separate on the last page. However when WIPO published the international application its practice is to put the abstract on the cover page, just as the USPTO does when it publishes issued patents and applications. The international application pamphlet in this case is WO2004/084985 which, under 37 CFR §1.495(b)(1), is the patent application in this case. The application has satisfied the rules for an abstract, which are 37 CFR §1.438 and PCT Rule 8. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that it is acceptable for the abstract to be on the cover of the application in this case, as it is in all other PCT applications.

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR §1.83(a) because the heart-shaped label shown on the cable side of the body in Fig. 3 is not shown on the patient side as recited in Claim 14. Claim 14 has been canceled to obviate this problem.

The prior art made of record has been reviewed and is not believed to affect the patentability of the allowed claims.

In light of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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